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SUBJ: NAMIBIA: ALLEGED ZAMBIAN COMPLICITY IN ATTACK ON
CAPRIVI STRIP

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1. FOREIGN MINISTER MWALE CALLED IN REPRESENTATIVES OF LOCAL
CONTACT GROUP EARLY AFTERNOON AUGUST 23 TO COVER SAME GROUND
AS CHONA (REFTEL A). HE CATEGORICALLY DENIED THAT ZAMBIAN
FORCES WERE INVOLVED IN ANY EXCHANGE OF FIRE WITH SOUTH
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AFRICAN FORCES. "ZAMBIA HAS NO INTENTION OF JOINING IN ANY
ATTACK ON SOUTH AFRICA." HE REFERRED TO HIS WARNING TO THE
GROUP IN JULY THAT SOUTH AFRICA WAS PLANNING ATTACK INTO ZAMBIA.
HE CHARACTERIZED SOUTH AFRICA'S ACCUSATION AS AN EXCUSE TO
CARRY OUT SUCH ATTACKS. IN ADDITION, HE SAID SOUTH AFRICA MAY
HAVE MADE ACCUSATION IN AN EFFORT TO UPSET THE NAMIBIA SETTLE-
MENT. HE WISHED TO ASSURE OUR GOVERNMENTS THAT ZAMBIA IS COMMITTED

TO ENSURING THAT THE NAMIBIA SETTLEMENT SUCCEEDS. HE THEN
CITED ZAMBIA'S "CRUCIAL" ROLE IN LUANDA. HE WISHED TO APPEAL
THROUGH OUR GOVERNMENTS TO SOUTH AFRICA NOT TO ATTACK ZAMBIA.
ON ITS SIDE THE GRZ WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO ENSURE THAT
SWAPO DOES NOTHING TO JEOPARDIZE THE SETTLEMENT.

2. COMMENT: MWALE WAS FAR LESS PRECISE THAN CHONA. HE DID NOT
MENTION LACK OF PRIOR KNOWLEDGE OF SWAPO MOVEMENT AND HE MADE
NO MENTION OF STEPS WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN TO ENSURE THAT SWAPO
WOULD NOT MAKE UNAUTHORIZED MOVES TOWARDS THE CAPRIVI. THIS
IS TO BE EXPECTED. THE MORE AUTHORITATIVE POSITION IS THAT OF
CHONA. CLINGERMAN

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